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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Onion Production Survey. Acreage, yield, and production were reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews
Director

Idaho Onion Production

In Idaho, the 2010 summer storage onion production increased 5 percent from 2009. Production is estimated at 6.84 million cwt, up from the 6.51 million cwt produced in 2009. Harvested and planted acreage increased 200 acres from last year to 9,000 acres, and 9,200 acres, respectively. Onion yield is up 20 cwt from 2009 to 760 cwt per acre. The value of the 2010 crop totaled \$56.0 million, down from \$80.9 million in 2009. The price per cwt for the 2009 crop is \$9.80, down from \$13.80 the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2010 totaled 1.13 million cwt, up from 651,000 cwt last year.

Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2010 summer storage onion production increased 6 percent from 2009. Production is estimated at 15.2 million cwt, down from the 14.4 million cwt produced in 2009. Harvested acreage increased 300 acres from 2009 to 20,300 acres, while onion yield increased 31 cwt to 749 cwt per acre. The value of the 2010 crop totaled \$133 million, down from \$180 million in 2009.

Nationally, summer storage production is down 3 percent from 2009 to 55.8 million cwt. Harvested acreage is down from 106,160 acres in 2009 to 105,070 acres in 2010. The U.S. average summer storage yield is down 10 cwt per acre from 2009 to 531 cwt per acre. The 2010 summer storage crop is valued at \$923 million dollars, compared to \$705 million in 2009. Shrinkage and loss for the 2010 crop totaled 5.72 million cwt, up from 5.17 million cwt last year.

Onions: Harvested Acres, Yield, and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2009-2010

Season and State	Harvested Acres		Yield		Production		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	% change
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		
Spring ¹	27,500	25,900	310	289	8,523	7,484	88
Summer							
Non-Storage ¹	17,400	18,700	551	533	9,584	9,963	104
Storage ²							
California ³	31,400	29,000	455	450	14,287	13,050	91
Colorado	6,600	7,200	410	400	2,706	2,880	106
Idaho	8,800	9,000	740	760	6,512	6,840	105
Michigan	3,800	4,000	350	220	1,330	880	66
New York	10,300	10,200	415	325	4,275	3,315	78
Oregon							
Malheur	11,200	11,300	700	740	7,840	8,362	107
Other	9,100	8,900	600	660	5,460	5,874	108
Washington	21,000	22,000	630	610	13,230	13,420	101
Wisconsin	2,000	1,600	500	180	1,000	288	29
Other States ⁴	1,960	1,870	418	458	819	857	105
Total	106,160	105,070	541	531	57,459	55,766	97
Summer	123,560	123,770	543	531	67,043	65,729	98
United States	151,060	149,670	500	489	75,566	73,213	97

¹ Primarily fresh.

² Includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss.

³ Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

⁴ OH and UT.

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Onions: Value by Season, State, and the United States 2008-2010

Season and State	Value					
	Per CWT			Total		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Spring ¹	18.30	17.70	41.90	174,068	150,530	313,501
Summer						
Non-Storage ¹	15.50	20.70	21.90	160,042	198,303	218,180
Storage ²						
California ³	9.01	9.54	12.00	117,587	133,941	153,600
Colorado	17.60	12.60	17.50	43,120	30,316	42,875
IDAHO ⁴	7.40	13.80	9.80	38,643	80,882	55,958
Michigan	15.20	13.50	14.80	12,282	14,310	10,419
New York	16.80	18.60	19.70	58,918	67,592	54,214
Oregon						
Malheur	7.38	14.30	10.60	57,505	98,670	77,083
Other	6.96	13.50	10.10	38,572	64,800	53,207
Washington	11.10	16.40	38.10	119,880	197,292	461,772
Wisconsin	14.20	10.80	12.10	4,331	9,472	3,134
Other States ⁴	13.00	11.30	15.80	9,438	7,704	11,160
Total	9.96	13.50	18.50	500,276	704,979	923,422
Summer	10.90	14.60	19.00	660,318	903,282	1,141,602
United States	11.90	15.00	21.60	834,386	1,053,812	1,455,103

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